



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to the first edition of *Recycling Lines*, a monthly look at recycling news in the Commonwealth and across the nation. We hope that this information is helpful to you in your programs, and that you'll send us news from your area related to recycling. Had a successful collection event? Have a recycling problem? Do you have an answer for the Question of the Month? Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

Wise County 2004 Appliance Roundup

Litter and Recycling Coordinator Ray Couch reports that 1500 used appliances were collected for recycling under the County's appliance bounty program at nine of its eleven convenience centers. An October 2004 event, the citizens received \$10 for each appliance delivered to the centers as an incentive to reduce illegal dumping, to encourage the clean up of illegally dumped appliances, and to promote recycling of the appliances. For further information contact Ray at (276) 328-1000.

Save the Date

DEQ and VDOT will be hosting a one-day training seminar for local litter coordinators and Adopt-A-Highway coordinators on Tuesday, February 22, at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville. Further information will be sent out soon on the agenda, times of the seminar, and other related topics. We look forward to seeing you there.

Electronics Recycling Event Planned

The Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority (CPRWMA) will be hosting a three-in-one electronics collection event in March. Individual collections events will be held in Dickenson County, Buchanan County, and Russell County, with costs of the events paid for by a grant from DEQ with funding provided by Dell Inc. The primary collection event will be on March 26 from 9 AM until 3 PM, in Lebanon, in the Wal-Mart parking lot. For further information, contact Toby Edwards at CPRWMA at 276-889-1778.

Web Links of interest:

- www.svswwa.org
- www.epa.gov/ecycling
- www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle

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Did You Know?

The Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council is hosting its normal business meetings at different sites across the state to better provide opportunities for localities and the public to participate in the work of the Council. The next meeting of the Council is on March 23, 2005, at the DEQ Southwest Regional Office in Abingdon, Virginia. The Council will hold its normal business meeting from 10 AM until 12 noon, followed by meetings of the Recycling Rate and Local Government Assistance subcommittees from 1 PM to 3 PM. Check for additional meeting information at <http://www.vipnet.org/portal/cgi-bin/calendar.cgi>.

Recycling Rate Reporting for CY 2004

DEQ has posted the recycling rate report form for CY 2004 on its web site for downloading and completion by localities or solid waste planning units. The reports are due to DEQ no later than April 30, 2005. The web site address is www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle.

Also posted at this web site is the recycling rate report summary for CY 2003 and previous years. Virginia's state wide average recycling rate for CY 2003 was calculated to be 30.3%, exceeding the 25% state mandate for recycling. Please visit the web site to see what rates Virginia's recycling programs reported.

eBay's New PC Recycling Program

To promote the proper management of computers and other electronics, eBay has developed a web site project to expand networking possibilities for consumers and businesses in order to advance different product disposition alternatives. Recycling and reuse options can be investigated through various links to electronics management resources. The web site, www.ebay.com/rethink, offers educational information on electronics recycling as well as guidance on disposition options, including sale of these units on eBay itself.

Participants in this project include US EPA, IBM, UPS, and Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, Apple Computers.

Cell Phone Recycling Option

Looking to donate your old cell phones? Check out the Virginia cell phone collection locations at <http://www.charitable recycling.com/CR/virginia.asp>.

Question of the month: What one thing makes your recycling program successful? Answers next month.